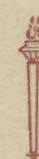
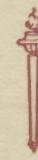
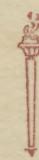


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EDITORIAL

The editor wishes to thank all the staff for their hearty co-operation during the past year, and also the rest of the school for backing up the school paper with such fine spirit.

We wish the new Board of Editors the very best of success during the coming year, and will give them our heartiest co-operation during our remaining term at Pinkerton.

Mention certainly should be made of the trip to Boston which the Seniors are planning to take some time this spring. The entire expense of the trip will be paid by the Class and to add to the funds already in the treasury, the Senior Play is to be repeated on the evening of April 25, at

Adams Memorial hall, Derry Depot, Even though many of you may have been present the first time it was given,—at the Academy,—come again, for it will be well worth seeing, and you will also be helping out a good cause.

Of all the organizations in any school, the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. should stand for the best and truest things of life. What our country needs at the present time, and always will need,—are men and women of high ideals and strong Christian Character.

The Y. W. C. A. should stand for truer, purer womanhood. Not only should these two organizations work to raise the standard of the school and community, but to build up

stronger and better character. Other things one may lose, but our character is our own, and what we make it.

, This the last term for the Seniors, and we hope all will make the best of this last opportunity to show how much they think of old P. A.

How Roosevelt Made the Kaiser Back Down

Just how President Roosevelt forced the Kaiser to abide by the Monroe Doctrine in 1903 was not known for several years, but after the death of Secretary of State Hay the story was told by his biographer.

In 1901 Germany persuaded Italy and England to join her in blocking the coast of Venezuela, until the government of that country should see to it that long-standing debts were paid to Germans, Englishmen, and Italians. A so-called "pacific blockade" was established in December.

During the following year Secretary of State Hay vainly urged the blockaders to arbitrate, but on December 8, 1902, Germany severed diplomatic relations with Venezuela, making it plain that the next steps would be the bombardment of Venezuelan towns, and the occupation of Venezuelan territory.

Here the Monroe Doctrine was put to a sharp test. President Roosevelt took the matter out of the hands of Secretary Hay, and this is how he taught the Kaiser that the Monroe Doctrine was more than a "Scrap of paper."

One day when the crisis was at its height he summoned the German

embassador, Dr. Holleben, to the White House, and told him that unless Germany consented to arbitrate, the American squadron, under Admiral Dewey, would be given orders, at noon, ten days later, to proceed to the Venezuelan coast and prevent the taking possession of territory. Dr. Holleben protested that His Imperial Majesty, having once refused to arbitrate, could not change his mind. Roosevelt replied that he was not arguing the matter, he was simply giving information.

At the end of a week the German Ambassador called again at the White House, but said nothing about the Venezuelan matter. When he rose to go, the President asked him about it, and when he stated that he had heard nothing from his government, Roosevelt said that Admiral Dewey would be instructed to sail one day earlier than the day he had originally mentioned. When Holleben protested, he was informed that if the Emperor would agree to arbitrate, the President would heartily praise the action, and would treat it as if taken on German initiative. But Roosevelt emphatically declared that there must be an offer to arbitrate

within forty-eight hours, or Dewey would sail.

Within thirty-six hours Dr. Holleben returned to the White House with the announcement that a despatch has just come from Berlin, say-

ing that the Kaiser would arbitrate. On this announcement the President humorously complimented the Kaiser, in public, on being so staunch an advocate of arbitration. L. S. '19.

American Perseverance.

When the Pilgrim Fathers came to settle America they found a cold, bleak, rocky coast, covered with snow with the virgin forest growing almost to the very edge of the water. Such a bleak coast-line and country would have discouraged any ordinary set of men, but these men were decidedly extraordinary and because they possessed dauntless courage, the greatest will power and strength of mind and character, as well as fearless trust in God, they stuck to their attempt to found a place of religious freedom and began the arduous task of clearing the land for houses.

This same spirit of determination and courage has ever since characterized the United States. We see it in the Revolutionary War, in the battles of Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill. We see it in Washington, Stark and Putnam and all through the army of raw undisciplined farmers. It was their determination to fight for liberty or die in the attempt that set us free from the oppressor.

The same spirit was shown in the Western emigrations.

In the Civil war the same spirit of determination helped to win victory

for the north and the union.

The same spirit which made Washington, Stark, and Putnam immortal, made Lincoln and Grant immortal.

So through the years the strength of this great spiritual force grew until a few years ago, it had a big share in completing the Panama Canal.

Then came the great struggle. We were slow in getting into it but when we did, we entered it with courage, determination, and a will to do, that was unconquerable. We made sure that we were in the right and then we fought with all our might. At Chateau Thierry it was the old determination on the part of our soldiers that made them refuse to obey the order to retreat and made them turn the tide of battle which ever since that time has been in favor of the Allies.

Our soldiers went singing into that battle and the French soldiers couldn't understand it. They thought that the Americans didn't realize its importance. But when they saw the way the soldiers fought and beat back the Germans they were astonished. This is why to-day

the Yankee is the best loved soldier in all France.

It was the determination of those at home to back the boy in the trench that put through all the liberty loans and other war activities. The same spirit dominated the navy, the shipyards, and munition plants. To-day this spirit is not what made

a Washington or a Lincoln famous but it is the spirit that has made the good old United States immortal.

Let us hope that the determination to do what we perceive is right will never die, but be an everlasting heritage which we can pass on to our children as long as the world shall last.

F. E. '19.

Philomathean

After a few tryout debates, the following two teams were chosen to represent Pinkerton in the Southern New Hampshire Debating League. Affirmative, Archie Hepworth, Arthur Bergeron, Aaron Goodrich and Ephraim Martin, Negative Loena Fullonton, Helen Worledge, Marie Barker, and Lorna Stockdale.

The preliminary debate between the teams on the League question took place February 28. The judges Rev. I. J. Enslin, Rev. B. A. Dumm, and Mrs. G. K. Bartlett decided in favor of the affirmative.

The first of the interscholarastic debates was held on March 7, between Pinkerton and Sanborn Seminary at Derry. Pinkerton was re-

presented by her affirmative team, and Sanborn upheld the negative, with James Gatzos, Thomas Folsom, and John Magnusson as speakers. The question debated was "Resolved That the Legislature of New Hampshire should enact a State Income Tax Law." The judges, Rev. F. I. Kelley of East Derry, Mr. Mackenzie of Derry Village and Senator James Tufts of Exeter, decided in favor of the affirmative,

A regular meeting of the Philomathean Society was held March 14 at which the following officers were elected for the spring term.

President, Casper Whitney, Vice-President, Kneeland Low, Secretary, Evangeline Paquet,

Baseball Schedule for 1919.

April 19, Pembroke at Pembroke.
 April 23, St. Joseph at Derry.
 April 26, Dummer at Derry
 April 30, Manchester at Derry.
 May 3, Nashua at Nashua.
 May 7, Methuen at Derry
 * May 10, Concord at Concord.

May 14, Johnson at Derry.
 May 17, Pembroke at Derry.
 May 21, Nashua at Derry.
 May 24, Allen School at Newton.
 * May 28, Punchard at No, Andover.
 May 31, Johnson at No. Andover.

June 4. Methuen at Methuen.
 June 7, Dummer at So. Byfield.
 * June 11, Punchard at Derry.

* June 14, Concord at Derry.
 June 17, Sanborn at Derry.
 June 18, Sanborn at Sanborn.

William Coburn Neal.

The announcement of the death of William Coburn Neal, President of the Junior Class, filled us all with deepest sorrow. We, at the Academy, knew that we had lost one of our strongest leaders, a young man of high direction ideals, a jolly, loyal, earnest son of Pinkerton. The entire community shared in the sorrow and in sympathy with the parents and sister, whose love and devotion had done all that was possible to save his life. Cut off in the very beginning of his young manhood, his passing from us has made us pause to consider how slender is the thread that binds

life will always remain with us and be helpful. He was such a sturdy fellow, strong and athletic, with such a splendid physique. His life was one of such manly qualities. Clean in his talk and in his living, loyal and true to the best ideals, patient and smiling in his pain and suffering, always hopeful, interested always in the best expressions of the life around him, as such we shall remember him, with a wave of the hand and a cheery smile he has passed into the fuller life of the hereafter. We shall miss him.



the life to the earthly body. All of us feel that the influence of Neal's

ACROSS THE DARK.

(For William Coburn Neal.)

He's gone. The little dancing barque
 That bore his boyish heart,
 Has safely fared through geyld night,
 Where lightning sorrows dart.

The pilot was his cheery smile,
 And Bravery was the crew,
 And stoutly did they hold the course
 To see the danger through.

So now the little fearless ship,
 That held his heart so well,
 Has reached the golden, happy shore,
 Where peace and gladness dwell.

He's gone. And yet it isn't far
 Across that darksome wave;
 He's smiling down on those he loves,
 And whispering, "Oh, be brave!"

J. Robert Clair.

March 19, 1919.

The Crow

Caw! Caw! Caw!

How fresh and ambitious everyone looks after their vacation?



The Seniors are getting right down to business, and it makes me feel blue to think its their last term at school.

It certainly seems like spring to see the boys with their baseballs and bats. Good Luck to you boys. Here's hoping you make a good record this year.

The first party last term was that of the Senior kids. My! what a time. I never saw any bigger kids. When I came down to see the sights the boys were playing leap-frog, and the girls twirling by twos. Everyone was having a delightful time, with their Lolly Pops, turning backward and forward in their flight. The second number was a Broom Stick, followed by a Dolly Dimple Dip, Teddy Bear Hug, and a Lemon Squeeze. At intermission ice-cream and cookies were served, and tonic quenched their thirst. After intermission more lolly pops were brought on, and we all proceeded in a Lolly Pop Limp. Then come that memorable Pickle Parade. My, what faces! The pickles were far from being sweet.

Oh, well, its all in a life time, so the Pickle Parade was followed by

kisses twirl, ring around the roses, and last, but not least, peanuts and chewing gum. The last dance was, "When you and I were young Maggie." Prizes were given to Margaret Madden—who received a toy doll, and Arthur Bergeron, a toy automobile.

The next social was that given by Juniors, the masquerade, and it was about the prettiest social of the year. The hall was unusually well decorated, and the costumes were very good. The prizes were given to Carolyn Sefton and Bradbury Bartlett. Ice cream was served, and all enjoyed the dancing.

One night while peacefully slumbering, I was suddenly roused by an awful noise. Upon investigation, I found it to be a debate between Pinkerton and Sanborn Seminary, so I stayed to hear it. Not much noise was heard again until the votes were opened and then ? ? ? ? well, I'll leave that for you to guess.

A good deal of effort is being made to help the Athletic Association, so the last event of the term was a Prize Speaking Contest between the Sophomores and Juniors. The Sophomores won, taking four of the prizes out of six. The prizes were awarded to.

1. Carolyn Sefton
2. Alma O'Neil
3. Evangeline Paquet,

1. Loren Rand.

2. Horace Emerson.

3. Earl Kelley.

Well the last word I have to say

to the Seniors is remember this is
your last term at P. A. and make the
best of it.

L.F. '19.

P. A. Roll of Honor.

(Rank of Students')

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Miss Clark, Gr.

Miss Reynolds '19

Miss Rogers '19

Miss Stockdale '19

Miss Wallis '19

Miss Sanborn '21

All A's and B's Honors.

Miss E. Bean, Gr.

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Miss M. Bidwell '21

Miss Colby '21

Emerson '21

Miss C. Martin '21

Miss E. Sargeant '21

Miss Sefton '21

Miss R. Smith '21

Miss H. Wilson '21

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Dicey '22

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A. Reynolds '22

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Evans '19

A. Hepworth '19

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Miss Martin '19

Miss Alexander '20

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Miss Mitchell '20

Bogle '21

Rand '21

R. Stearns '21

Boyden '22

Miss Fullonton '22

Miss O'Neil '22

Stevens '22

1C Honorable Mention.

Miss Bolduc '19

Miss R. Boyden '19

Colby '19

Low '19

Miss Madden '19

M. Robie '19

Miss J. Welles '19

Miss Young '19

Miss Aiken '20

Miss Berry '20

Bolduc '20	Miss Swett '22
Miss Corliss '20	Uicker '22
Miss Paquet '20	Wiggin '22
Blake '21	
Colby '21	Miss Backman '19
Corning '21	Miss L. Boyden '19
Miss Day '21	Merrill '19
Fitts '21	Swain '19
Miss M. George '21	Miss Barker '20
Goldsmith '21	Condon '20
Miss Mildred Goldsmith '21	Miss Fortier '20
Miss Hogan '21	Oakes '21
Miss H. Sargent '21	Miss Plummer '20
Miss Shackett '21	Wight '20
Miss Downing '22	Miss M. Chase '21
Miss Farley '22	Miss Dickey '21
Miss Gillispie '22	Miss Mabel Goldsmith '21
Miss Gove '22	Miss O'Neil '21
Miss Kerr '22	Miss Bidwell '22
Miss Lupein '22	Peabody '22
Miss Romprey '22	Miss Wells '22
Miss A. Smith '22	Miss E. Wilson '22

ALUMNI



Notes

Engagements.

The engagement has been announced of Lillian Abbott, '16, to James Martin, '17.

The engagement has been an-

nounced of Helen Abbott, '16, to Herman Bartlett.

Births.

Born, February 26, to Mr. and

Mrs. Howard Moody, '05, (Helen Melvin '07,) a son.

Born, March 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foxall, '16, (Mary Sefton, '15) a daughter.

Deaths.

Mr. James Morrison, '51, in Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 25, 1919, formerly of Londonderry.

Miss Marcia Emery, '46-'48, Brookline, Mass., Feb. 26, 1919, daughter of Caleb Emery (faculty.)

Mabel Cassidy, '08, Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 26, 1918.

Melinda White, '15, Boston, Mass., Oct 1, 1918.

Charles W. Hall, '08, Camp Devens, Mass., Sept. 28, 1918.

Annie Frazier Norton, '11, Portsmouth, N. H., Oct. 11, 1918,

Helen W. Poor, '78, Derry, Oct. 26, 1918.

Gardner H. Knight, '16, Fitzwilliam, N. H., Oct. 26, 1918.

George S. Chase, '62, Essex Junction, Vt., Nov. 6, 1918.

Zella Romprey, '22, Derry, Dec., 15, 1918.

Lucy M. Baker, '16, Derry, Oct. 30, 1918.

Lucy E. Coolidge Chase, '64, Derry, Dec. 10, 1918.

Evelyn Owens Cassidy, '11, Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 29, 1918.

Elizabeth F. Billings, '86, (faculty), Pasadena, California.

Francis C. Clark, '63, Derry, Nov. 2, 1918.

Minnie L. Bates, '15, Hingham, Mass..

William Coburn Neal, '20, March 14, 1919.

Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.

The emblem of the Y. M. C. A. is a simple design, an equilateral triangle. But what this stands for is invaluable; it represents Body, Spirit, and Mind, the three elements of the foundation of a Christian life. These 3 used as a combination will surely bring the best religion. A strong, clean body, a spirit full of energy that will excite better thoughts, a mind of thinking power, of clean visions, are the fundamentals. These three were spoken of by Mr. Arthur Rudman, of Springfield Y. M. C. A. college as "Lining up for the Fight." We must all have reliable principles to base life's work upon, so we may enter into the line of responsible living. Let us all remember the

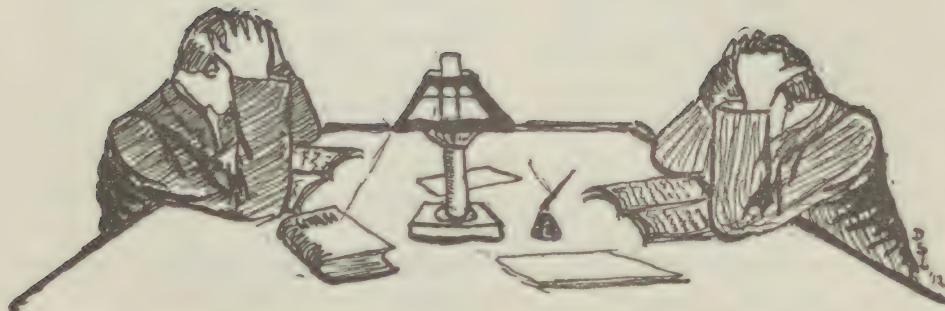
meaning of "The Red Triangle."

The Y. W. C. A. now has fifty-seven student members and a number of the faculty. There have been regular meetings. On February 4, Rev. Arthur Davies of Londonderry gave a very interesting and helpful talk before both the Y. W. and the Y. M. C. A.

Next term the girls are going to take physical exercises under the instruction of Mr. Walbridge. At present the girls are reading "The Three Things" by Mary R. Shipman Andrews.

The meetings are all well attended and we will be glad to welcome any new members, or have any girls who do not belong, come to the meetings.

GRINDS



THE TEE HEE GIRLS.

Do you know a Miss Alexander,
And a Miss Bee Campbell, with curls?
Everyone knows when they're coming,
We call them the "Tee Hee Girls."

They tee hee now, they tee hee then
They tee hee both together.
They tee hee when the sun does
shine
They tee hee in bad weather.

They tee hee there, and tee hee here,
They keep our heads a whirl,
All over the whole Academy.
They're known as the tee hee girls.

J. W. '19.

English 3. Mr. W. "What can you tell about Marlowe's?

E. P. '20, "He was a son of a-hesitates— shoemaker."

Mr. Horne, English 4, "What are scorpions?"

F. W. '19, "Fish."

Who invented discussion, without argument?

Miss C. (Drawing line with a folded piece of paper as a ruler)

"Mr. Horne won't even let me have a ruler."

M. T. '20, (Reading from Milton's Lycidas.)

"That sunk so low that sacred head of thine."

"That sunk so low that 'scratched' head of thine."

Mr. H. "Bartlett please ring the bell."

B. B. '19 "Shall I ring the second?"

Mr. H. "No, ring the first one first"

COMPLETE ACTION.

Papa: "Bobby, if you had a little more spunk you would stand better in your classes." "Now do you know what spunk is?"

Bobby: "Yes sir, its the past participle of spank."

I wonder why M. T. '20 was asking Mr. Walbridge the correct form for wedding invitations?

Mr. W. English 3. "What goes on the outside of a letter?

C. O. '20. "A stamp."

A. H. '19

There is a young man in P. A.

Who argues the whole live long day,
He raves on so fast,

How DOES his breath last?

This talkative boy in P. A.

There is a young fellow named Eph,
Whose dimples will bring him to grief

Some day he will grin,

And his cheeks will cave in,

This dimpled faced fellow named Eph

There once was a fellow named Bailey,
Whose notes passed around the school daily.

Should the teacher "blow wise,"

He would meet his demise,

This note writing genius called Bailey

English 3, Mr. W.—"Bolduc, what was Cerberus?"

Bolduc—'20, "A three cornered dog. (A three headed dog.)"

There is a young man in P. A.
With a heart like a sponge, so they

say,

He loves girls and posies,

Especially Rosies,

This flirtatious young man in P. A.

Now this fickle young man, so 'tis said,

Loved a maid with hair that was red

He wrote notes by the peck,

And stretched out his neck,

In rubbering at Billy, 'tis said,

Now this may sound sad and pathetic,

But he'll soon feel quite well, and be over it,

For 'tis ever been thus,

Fall in love he must,

But sooner or later, he falls out of it.

J. W., '19

School Notes

At the annual conference of the older boys of the State assembled in convention at Concord March 21-23, we were well represented Colby, Evans, Hepworth Martin,

Merrill and Stearns of the Seniors went as delegates from our school Y. M. C. A. Ranney '20 and Stearns '21 went as representatives of the Central Congregational Sunday school.

Over 500 delegates from all over the State attended this conference of the Y. M. C. A. Archie Hepworth '19 was elected Secretary of the conference.

May 23-25 a county Y. M. C. A. conference is to be held in Derry. A fine program is being arranged. We expect 100 boys from the county.

This conference will meet as the guests of our school Y. M. C. A. Every member must do his share to make this conference a success.

The Seniors have some very interesting plans for this Spring term watch their expanding smile as they talk of the good times ahead.



Exchanges

The Argus, Gardner High School, Gardner, Mass. A fine paper, showing a splendid honor list

The Enterprise, Keene High School, Keene, N. H. The spirit of the Senior class is certainly unselfish and worthy of much mention.

The Clarion, Portsmouth High School, Portsmouth, N. H. The Clarion contains a splendid literary department and is on the whole a fine school paper.

The Mesquitette, Hillsboro High School, Hillsboro, Texas. Another new exchange and we welcome you gladly. The cuts for the separate departments impress us as being very good.

The Bulletin, Lawrence, Mass High School, Lawrence. Why not have a few more school notes and jokes? Your honor roll is surely one to be printed with pleasure.

The Record, Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vt. Wouldn't it be well to give more space to school gossip or jokes? That department seems conspicuous by its absence.

The Mirror, Pratt High School, Pratt, Kansas. We always like to receive your newspaper because it contains such good editorials and spicy wit.

The Unionite, Union High School, Grand Rapids, Mich. We are glad to welcome you as one of our new

friends and hope you will come often. The page of photos in the January number was especially novel and we appreciated the excellent poem, 'The Children of the Tree."

The Rail Splitter, Lincoln High School Lincoln, Ill., Lincoln High School should be very proud of its basket ball record. The Rail Splitter is a well-arranged and neat appearing paper.

The Polytechnic, Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.

The New Hampshire, New Hampshire State College, Durham, N. H.

The Forester, Forest Avenue High

School, Dallas, Texas.

The Early Trainer, Essex County Training School, Lawrence, Mass.

The Bulletin, San Quentin, Cal.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Pinkerton Critic:—Your paper is splendid from cover to cover.

The Argus, Gardner, Mass.

Your "Military Number" sure was a good one.

The Bulletin, Lawrence, Mass.

The editorial "School Spirit" in the Pinkerton Critic, is very good.

The Mirror, Pratt, Kansas.

I. R. '19.

Clippings

Theorem:—The girl you love loves you.

Given:—The girl you love.

To prove:—She loves you.

Proof:—a. You love her.

b. All the world loves a lover.

c. She is all the world to you.

Therefore:—She loves you.

"What comes after G?" asked the kindergarten teacher.

"Whiz" said the small boy.

"What you say, goes," he sadly said.

With eyes and heart aflame;

She glanced at the clock, then turned her head.

And softly lisped his name.

"When I sing the tears come into

my eyes. What can I do for this?"

Stuff cotton in your ears."

"What fruits go best together?"

"A date with a peach."

"I made a bad break just now."

"How so?"

"I told Miss Heavy I'd ask her to dance, only there wasn't room on the floor to swing a cat!"

A French soldier who came proudly up to an American in a certain headquarters town the other day:

"You spik French?"

"Nope," answered the American, "not yet."

The Frenchman smiled complacently.

"Aye spik Eengleesh." he said. The American grinned and the Frenchman looked about for some

means to show his prowess in the foreign tongue. At that moment a French girl, very neat and trim in her peaked hat, long coat and high laced boots, came along. The Frenchman jerked his head toward her, looked knowingly at the American, and said triumphantly "Chick-en."

The American roared.

"Shake," he said, extending his hand, "you can't speak English. You speak American."

Farmer (in the dead of the night) "Come out of that coop or I'll shoot."

Voice inside. "Befo' de Lawd, boss dey isn't a soul in heah but us chickens."

The young hopeful of four years had been a source of continual vexation and trouble all through the meal, and at its finish a woman friend turned to the child's mother and said: "If your boy belonged to me I shouldn't stand so much of his nonsense at meal times. I should give him a trashing."

"But," said the mother, "you can't spank the poor little fellow on a full stomach."

"No," said her friend, "but you can turn him over."

An Atlanta husband, having offended, came home the evening of the quarrel with a parcel under his arm.

"Darling," he said to his wife, "look here. I've got something here for the person I love best in all the world."

She came forward with a shrug.

"Humph," What is it?" she asked. "A box of stogies?"

Professor. "What is the shape of the earth?"

Student. "Round."

Professor. "How do you know it is round?"

Student. "Alright, its square, then. I don't want to start any argument about it."

Little Freddie was being initiated into the beauties of grand opera. He listened for some time in silence, but when the celebrated soprano was in the middle of her loudest solo, Freddie concluded that something ought to be done to the conductor of the orchestra. He said to his mother:

"Why does that man hit at the woman with a stick?"

"Keep quiet," his mother replied. "He is not hitting at her."

Just then the soprano gave another despairing shriek.

"Well then, if he isn't hitting at her what is she hollering so for?"

Inexperienced Orderly Officer. "This for the men's dinner? Soup, I suppose?"

Cook. "Its really tea, sir," but I can put a few carrots in and call it soup. They won't know the difference!"

He. "I would kiss you if you were not in a canoe."

She. "Sir! I wish to be taken ashore instantly."

"I think," said the actor as a cabbage grazed his nose, "that someone in the audience has lost his head."

Fort Washington.

Owing to the serious war situation Tommy and Billy Tucker thought it was their patriotic duty to build a fort in order to defend their own home town from the enemy. Accordingly, after the first snow storm, these two boys with the help of other public spirited boys erected a large and strongly fortified redoubt on the Peak of Wildcat Mountain. They found it very difficult to make a firm foundation, for no sooner had several blocks been placed on top of each other, than those at the bottom would give way, and all would topple to the ground. This was remedied however, when the boys brought great boughs of hemlock and braced the walls from the inside; the snow blocks stuck to the branches very successfully. After two days of hard labor the fortification was completed and named Washington; because a fort in such a commanding position,—overlooking the town of Ticonderoga should have for its name, that of a great commander.

Fort Washington was built a solid wall of snow, four feet high, and fully that thick, bristling with little green branches, that protruded and disclosed the secret of its strength. Its decorations were certainly interesting to behold. Along the top little flags were stuck in the snow about a foot apart, perpendicularly, obli-

quely, sidewise and endwise. At the center and on both ends huge cannon were mounted. They looked very formidable, but it is doubtful if they could produce much confusion or disaster since they were nothing but empty Rolled Oats boxes. Directly in front of Fort Washington less firkin set up on two goodwill soap cart wheels. It looked very imposing from the town, and even the bravest general might reconsider before advancing into the jaws of such a monster.

Beside the mounted gun stood its general, he may have been brave, but one might doubt his ability to command, or ever retreat if occasion demanded. He stood four feet tall, very round and fat, and exceedingly bow-legged. His beard of shavings and ravelled yarn reached nearly to his waist. One arm and part of one foot were gone, Billy said he lost them in the battle of Blenheim, but one might suspect that he was built so onesidedly that those parts of his anatomy could not stay in place. As for his eyes, before they were called into the service for this worthy general, they would be recognized as burnt cookies. The snow had softened them considerably, and one must needs use his imagination before he could make them resemble eyes. The General's felt hat was full of moth holes, and, although Tommy volunteered the in-

formation that it was shot full of holes when he commanded the charge at Balaklava, they looked surprisingly like moth holes. This brave and gallant general who had such an astonishing record carried for a gun a weapon that had been used daily to sweep the kitchen floor. In his mouth was the famous 'briar root' pipe—'briar root' may not always mean a 'corn cob' but it did in this instance.

A week later the fort and general, although faintly resembling their former selves, were reduced to an altitude of but one foot, not because of bombardment, most certainly not, such a gallant general could not be conquered by mortal enemy, but the rising temperature, his most powerful enemy, was responsible for the destruction.

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